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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/607,022	GOLDBERG ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Jeff Natalini	2858	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 11/29/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regard to claims 1, 8, and 18, the prior art does not teach or render obvious wherein a plurality of detectors associated with corresponding portions of a resistive heater determine a resistance of the corresponding portions of the resistive heater so that the temperature of each corresponding portion can be determined in the combination as claimed.

The prior art includes:

- Goldberg et al. (6753513) discloses a resistive heater on a propeller blade, a controller to control the head system that is able to determine the temperature of the heater based upon determining the resistance of the heater. Goldberg lacks multiple detectors for determining the resistance at different portions of the resistive heater.
- Ho et al. (6500266) teaches a plurality of temperature sensors comprising a sensing point configured to measure a temperature at separate portions associated with the stage, with each sensor is disposed adjacent to the stage of the resistive heater. Ho et al. lacks teaching wherein the sensors determine a resistance of the portion of the resistive heater to detect the temperature of the resistive heater.
- Chen et al. teaches a multi-zone resistive heater that contains at least two temperature sensors, wherein the temperature is controlled by a controller, Chen et al. lacks where the temperature sensors at associated

portions of the heater to detect a resistance, and the heating elements are also located in different planes.

- Strang et al. (Pub 2004/0011770) discloses a plurality of resistive heating elements on a surface and monitors and controls each one of them based on the temperature (many prior art devices disclose a similar teaching).
- Smith et al.'s (5263775) figure 6, looks very similar to fig. 3 (the resistive heater with corresponding portions), but Smith et al. discloses that fig. 6 discloses thermal resistances between different surfaces of a device to determine a temperature of the devices at these surfaces, whereas thermal resistance of a surface is different from determining portions of electrical resistance.

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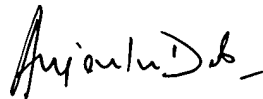
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeff Natalini whose telephone number is 571-272-2266. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie Lefkowitz can be reached on 571-272-2180. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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